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§ 363.162 Who may convert a definitive savings bond?

The owner of a TreasuryDirect® primary account may convert a definitive savings bond.

(a) *Bond that is registered to the account owner.* The following persons may convert a definitive savings bond of an eligible series to a book-entry bond to be held in the person's TreasuryDirect account:

(1) The owner of a definitive savings bond registered in the single owner or entity form of registration;

(2) Either co-owner of a bond registered in the coowner form of registration; and

(3) The owner of a bond registered in the owner with beneficiary form of registration.

(b) *Bond that is registered to someone other than the account owner.* We will convert an eligible definitive savings bond submitted by an individual account owner who is not the registered owner of the savings bond. See the special rules in § 363.166.

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§ 363.163 How do I convert an eligible definitive savings bond?

We will provide online instructions for converting your definitive savings bond. You must surrender to us the definitive bond to be converted at the time of conversion.

§ 363.164 Is a converted savings bond eligible to be converted back into a definitive bond?

Once a definitive savings bond has been converted to a book-entry bond, it may not be converted back into a definitive bond.

§ 363.165 What happens when I convert a savings bond that is registered in my name as a single owner, either coowner, an owner with a beneficiary, or an entity?

(a) *Unmatured savings bond.* When the conversion is approved, an unmaturing savings bond that is registered in the name of the TreasuryDirect® account owner as a single owner, either coowner, an owner with beneficiary, or an entity, will be released to the account owner's conversion linked account.

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(b) *Matured savings bond.* A savings bond that has reached final maturity and is registered in the name of the TreasuryDirect account owner as a single owner, either coowner, an owner with beneficiary, or an entity, will be converted to a book-entry savings bond and automatically redeemed. The redemption proceeds will be used to purchase a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness in the account owner's name in the primary account.

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§ 363.166 What happens when I convert a savings bond that is not registered in my name as owner, either coowner, or owner with beneficiary (including a bond registered in the name of a minor)?

We will presume that a savings bond registered in the name of someone other than the TreasuryDirect® account owner (including a bond registered in the name of a minor) was purchased by the account owner as a gift for the registered owner. We will not permit an entity to convert a savings bond that is not registered in the name of the entity.

(a) *Unmatured savings bond—(1) General.* An unmaturing savings bond registered in the name of someone other than the account owner will be converted to a book-entry bond, released as a gift bond to the account owner's conversion linked account, and held until delivered to the TreasuryDirect account (or minor linked account, if the registered owner is a minor) of the registered owner.

(2) *Delivery of unmaturing gift bond to registered owner.* The TreasuryDirect account owner may deliver the converted gift bond to the TreasuryDirect account (or minor linked account, if the registered owner is a minor) of the registered owner, or, if the bond is registered in the coowner form of registration, to the account of either coowner. A bond registered in coowner or owner with beneficiary form of registration will retain the coowner or beneficiary form of registration upon delivery.

(b) *Savings bond that has reached final maturity—(1) General.* A savings bond that has reached final maturity and is registered in the name of someone other than the account owner will be